

Life Portfolio PAHS Economics Project S2

Objectives:

- Compare automobile and home options
- Describe the costs of owning a car and a house
- Describe the real cost of debt
- Plan for the right insurance coverage
- Choosing the right credit card

Directions:

Complete each section below for the Life Portfolio. The expectations of each section are provided. Once completed, upload into Turnitin.com.

The best resource for the project is here at <https://www.nerdwallet.com/>

Cover Page:

Your first task is to create a cover page that will include the following:

- The title, “*LIFE PORTFOLIO*”
- Your name
- The project name, “*Economics and Me*”
- Your class period
- (2) Pictures that represent you. Make sure that they are placed in good locations on the cover page and that the pictures are appropriate.

1. School

- 1 paragraph identifying the college that you would like to attend. Include the following information:
 - Name of the college
 - Mascot of the college (include a picture)
 - Why you chose the college
 - Major that you will be seeking a degree in
 - Type of degree (most likely will be a bachelor’s of _____)
 - Cost per year (this can include tuition, books, room, and board). Make sure that you determine whether or not you have pay out-of-state tuition for the college chosen.
 - Include the logo of the college

-OR-

- If you are not planning to attend college, explain the training that you will need to enter your career. Include the following information:
 - Do you need to complete an apprenticeship? If so, explain the details.
 - The type of training that you will need to advance in your career.

Resources: <http://www.collegecalc.org/colleges/> www.google.com/images

2. Career

- 1 paragraph describing your job.
- 1 paragraph describing your salary per year and benefits (health insurance, retirement, time-off, etc.)
- Include a picture of your job (this could be of a person performing the job)
- Include the logos of 2 companies that you might want to work for

Resources: www.Salary.com www.google.com/images

3. Financial Institution and Accounts

- 1 paragraph identifying the bank or credit union that you would like to open your accounts with. Describe why you chose that financial institution.
- Include the logo of the bank or credit union
- 1 paragraph identifying and describing the accounts that you will open. You will most likely need to open a savings and checking account. Include in your paragraph the following information:
 - Name of accounts
 - Interest rate (APY) of each account (print off the financial institutions rate sheet)
 - Any monthly fee for having the account
 - Extras that you will get with the account and their costs (Direct Deposit from your work, Debit Card, Checks, etc.)
 - What you will use each account for

Resources: www.google.com/images www.uwcu.org www.summitcreditunion.com
www.harrisbank.com www.usbank.com www.deforestbank.com
www.settlerswi.com www.bankofamerica.com www.wellsfargo.com

4. Vehicle

- Compare and contrast 3 types of vehicles; Truck, SUV, Sedan or Compact Car
 - Include the following details about each vehicle:
 - Make, model, and year
 - Miles per gallon
 - Special features of the vehicle
 - Purchase price (can use MSRP)
 - Cost of maintenance and repairs
 - Picture of the vehicle
- 1 paragraph identifying which vehicle you would purchase and explain why. Also include if you decided to purchase a new or used car and why.
- What will be your loan payment? (your loan cannot be longer than 72 months) Include a complete payment schedule (shows each payment and the amount from each that goes toward interest and principal). Use the auto loan calculator that is found at:
<http://www.uwcu.org/Calculators/Calculators/AutoLoan.aspx?ad=auto>
 - Click on the report to view your payment schedule.
- 1 paragraph identifying the type of insurance that you will need on your vehicle. Include:
 - use <http://welcome.libertymutual.com/insurance-coverage-calculator-estimator/auto.html> to determine amount of insurance
 - http://www.statefarm.com/insurance/auto_insurance/ins_auto_type.asp to define the types of insurance
 - The potential cost of the insurance (use <http://money.msn.com/auto-insurance/auto-insurance-quotes.aspx> to estimate your cost)
 - The company that you may want to purchase your insurance from. Include a picture of their logo.

Resources: <http://www.edmunds.com/car-comparisons/> www.edmunds.com/TCO.html

5. House

- 1 paragraph identifying the location of where you would like to live. Include the following information:
 - Will you live in a rural, suburban, or urban area?
 - Type of house; Ranch, 2-Story, or Tri-level
 - What are the benefits of buying rather than renting?
- Find a house that you would be interested in on the Internet. List the following information in your portfolio:
 - Purchase price
 - Property tax amount
 - Details about the house:
 - Number of rooms
 - Number of bathrooms
 - Amenities: appliances, roof type (shingles), pool, hot tub, siding, well or city water and sewer.
 - Estimate home maintenance cost per month (refer to Estimating Annual Maintenance Costs article)
- What will be your Mortgage payment? (Use a 30 year Fixed Rate Mortgage) Use the Mortgage Calculator located at:
<http://www.uwcu.org/Calculators/Calculators/MortgageLoan.aspx?ad=home>
- 1 paragraph identifying the type of insurance that you will need on your House (refer to the article: *What does a standard home insurance policy cover?*). Include:
 - The potential cost of the insurance. Use the article, *What Is the Average Cost for Homeowners Insurance?*, to help you calculate an estimate for the cost of the homeowner's insurance premiums.
 - The company that you may want to purchase insurance from, along with their logo.

Resources: www.homefinder.com www.allstate.com www.amfam.com
www.libertymutual.com www.nationwide.com www.farmers.com
www.geico.com www.statefarm.com www.progressive.com

6. Credit

- Using the worksheet provided, compare and contrast three credit cards
- Write 1 paragraph identifying the credit card you will apply for. Provide the institution, location, rate, and describe why you chose that credit card. Include the positive and negative information on the card.
- Include the logo of the credit card
- Answer the following questions in your narrative:

Why is it important for you to obtain a credit card?

What costs are involved with credit cards?

Why is it important to shop for credit?

How can you obtain a credit card?

What are the important factors to consider when selecting a credit card?

*What to Look for in a Secured Credit card - <http://www.nerdwallet.com/blog...>

*Understanding Your FICO Score - <http://www.nerdwallet.com/blog...>

*Building a Credit Score from Scratch - <http://www.nerdwallet.com/blog...>

You can also compare secured credit cards using a credit card comparison tool - <https://www.nerdwallet.com/sec...>

The best resource for the credit card research is here at <https://www.nerdwallet.com/>